# AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1.     (Previously Presented)  A method, comprising:

counting an untransmitted frame to determine a count of silence frames;

determining a silence description frame that includes the count of silence frames, wherein the silence description frame has a size equivalent to the size of an active frame;

and storing the silence description frame.


2.     (Previously Presented)  The method of claim 1 further comprising:

receiving the active frame; and

storing the active frame.


3.     (Previously Presented)  The method of claim 1 further comprising decoding a file comprising an active frame and the silence description frame.


4.     (Original)  The method of claim 1 further comprising receiving a packet describing comfortable noise.


5.     (Previously Presented)  The method of claim 1 wherein said counting an untransmitted frame comprises determining the untransmitted frame represents a silence frame.


6.     (Original)  The method of claim 1 wherein said counting an untransmitted frame comprises determining a sequence of frames comprises a silence frame.


7.     (Original)  The method of claim 1 wherein said determining a silence description frame comprises determining a pattern to demarcate the silence description frame.


8.     (Original)  The method of claim 1 wherein said determining a silence description frame comprises determining a frame to decode as an invalid frame.


9.     (Canceled)

10.    (Previously Presented)  The method of claim 1 wherein said storing the silence description frame comprises storing the silence description frame adjacent to the active frame.

11.    (Previously Presented)  An apparatus, comprising:

a network interface; and

a silence description frame filer coupled to said network interface to determine a count of silence frames; and

a data storage device coupled to said silence description frame filer to store a silence description frame that includes the count of silence frames, wherein the silence description frame has a size equivalent to the size of an active frame.

12.    (Previously Presented)  The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising a decoder to decode a file comprising the active frame and the silence description frame.

13.    (Original)  The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said network interface comprises a packet-switching interface.

14.    (Original)  The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said silence description frame filer comprises a microprocessor coupled to said data storage device.

15.    (Original)  The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said silence description frame filer comprises a microprocessor to count an untransmitted frame.

16.    (Previously Presented)  The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said silence description frame filer comprises a microprocessor to determine the silence description frame.

17.    (Original)  The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said data storage device comprises a data storage controller coupled to said silence description frame filer.

18.    (Original)  The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said data storage device comprises a

memory device coupled to said silence description frame filer.

19.     (Currently Amended)  A system, comprising:

a variable-size packet transmitter; and

a silence description frame filer coupled to said variable-size packet transmitter to store a silence description frame that includes a count of silence frames and has a size equivalent to the size of an active frame.

20.     (Original)  The system of claim 19, further comprising a decoder coupled to an output device.

21.     (Original)  The system of claim 19, wherein said variable-size packet transmitter comprises a microprocessor to encode active audio in a fixed-size packet.

22.     (Original)  The system of claim 19, wherein said variable-size packet transmitter comprises a microprocessor to encode a video difference in a fixed-size packet.

23.     (Previously Presented)  The system of claim 19, wherein said silence description frame filer comprises microprocessor to store a silence description frame.

24.     (Previously Presented)  A machine-readable medium containing instructions, which when executed by a machine, cause said machine to perform operations, comprising:

counting an untransmitted frame to determine a count of silence frames;

determining a silence description frame that includes the count of silence frames, wherein the silence description frame has a size equivalent to the size of an active frame; and

storing the silence description frame.

25.     (Previously Presented)  The machine-readable medium of claim 24 further comprising:

receiving the active frame;

storing the active frame.

26.    (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 24 wherein said counting an untransmitted frame comprises determining a sequence comprises a silence frame.

27.    (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 24 wherein said determining a silence description frame comprises determining a pattern to demarcate the silence description frame.

28.    (Canceled)

29.    (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 24 wherein said determining a silence description frame comprises determining a frame to decode as an invalid frame.

30.    (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 24 wherein said storing the silence description frame comprises storing the silence description frame adjacent to the active frame.